

REMARKS

A. 35 U.S.C. §102

In the Office Action mailed on May 5, 2005, claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fujii et al. Claim 29 has been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection has been rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

B. 35 U.S.C. §103

1. Fujii et al. and Rehm et al.

Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of Fujii et al. and Rehm et al. Claim 30 has been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection has been rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

2. Fujii et al. and Barkus et al.

Claims 1-3 and 9-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of Fujii et al. and Barkus et al. Claims 1-3 and 9-13 have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejections have been rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

3. Fujii et al., Barkus et al. and Igarashi et al.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of Fujii et al., Barkus et al. and Igarashi et al. Claim 7 has been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection has been rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

4. Fujii et al., Barkus et al. and Rehm et al.

Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of Fujii et al., Barkus et al. and Rehm et al. Claim 16 has been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection has been rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

5. Didier et al., Rehm et al. and Barkus et al.

Claims 1-4 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of Didier et al., Rehm et al. and Barkus et al. Claims 1-4 and 16 have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejections have been rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

C. Claims 5, 6, 14, 15 and 17-20

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 5, 6, 14, 15 and 17-20 have been allowed. It is also noted that a statement of reasons of allowance for claims 5, 6, 14, 15 and 17-20 has been given. Applicants traverse the statement to the extent that there are broader and other reasons why the claims are allowable. In addition, Applicants traverse the statement to the extent that it refers to elements not present in the claim in question. For example, the statement regarding claim 5 refers to two constant motor speeds which are not recited in the claim

D. Claims 8, 21-28 and 31-34

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 8, 21-28 and 31-34 have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claims 8, 21, 23, 25 and 31 have been amended so as to be in independent form. Accordingly, they should be allowed along with their dependent claims.

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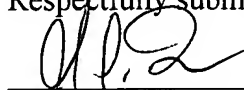
As pointed out above, claims 8, 21, 23, 25 and 31 have been amended so as to be in independent form. Since those amendments contain subject matter inherently present in claims 8, 21, 23, 25 and 31, the amendments are not being presented for reasons of patentability. See,

Festo Corporation v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., Ltd, 535 U.S. 722, 122 (2002).

CONCLUSION

In view of the arguments above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims 5, 6, 8, 14, 15, 17-28 and 31-34 are in condition for allowance and seek an early allowance thereof. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4200.

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